
CAP Freedom of Conscience

Coordination of Associations and Individuals for Freedom of Conscience

Activity Report OSCE 2026

Warsaw Human Dimension
Conference



Warsaw, Poland

5 to 15 October 2026

Statements, written reports and international side event

PRESENTATION

CAP LC at the Warsaw Conference 2026

CAP Freedom of Conscience participated in the Warsaw Human Dimension Conference, held from 5 to 15 October 2026 under the Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship with the support of ODIHR.

Founded in 1995, CAP LC is a secular European organisation defending freedom of religion or belief. It holds special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Its work documents discrimination, brings the voices of affected people to international institutions and presents recommendations for the protection of human rights.

In Warsaw, President Thierry Valle represented the organisation during conference sessions and exchanges with partners. CAP LC delivered two statements, submitted two written reports and took part in an international side event organised with EMISCO.



Thierry Valle, President of CAP LC, during the Warsaw Conference 2026.

STATEMENTS

Bringing individual situations before the OSCE

The OneTaste case in the United States

During the third plenary session, CAP LC presented its concerns regarding the federal OneTaste case. The organisation addressed the expanded interpretation of psychological coercion in the application of legislation against human trafficking.

CAP LC considers that this approach may affect religious, therapeutic and personal development communities. It called on the United States Congress to preserve essential safeguards and to keep the legislation focused on genuine exploitation. It also requested a careful review of the sentences imposed.

The case of Konstantin Rudnev

On 8 October, during the fourth plenary session devoted to tolerance and non discrimination, CAP LC presented the case of Konstantin Rudnev. This statement brought his situation into the conference debate on transnational repression.



A statement delivered in the civil society area during the conference.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Documenting restrictions on fundamental freedoms

Valery Engel and academic freedom

CAP LC submitted a report on Latvia's revocation of historian Valery Engel's permanent residence permit and the entry ban imposed on him. The organisation presented the consequences of this decision for his family life and academic work.

The report calls for explanations from the Latvian authorities, access for Valery Engel to the classified materials in his case and respect for his right to a fair trial. CAP LC also calls on the OSCE to examine the use of national security arguments to restrict academic freedom.

France and the MIVILUDES

A second report examines the situation of the MIVILUDES in light of the recommendations issued following the visit of OSCE representatives to France. CAP LC presents judicial sanctions against the mission, questions concerning its methodology and the role of the media in the stigmatisation of religious minorities.

The organisation calls for genuine dialogue with the communities concerned and for reporting that respects the right of affected people to respond.



The debates brought together State representatives, experts and civil society organisations.

INTERNATIONAL SIDE EVENT

Combating racism and Islamophobia

On 8 October, CAP LC participated as a partner in the international side event organised by EMISCO on racism, xenophobia and Islamophobia.

The speakers examined the normalisation of discrimination and hate speech, as well as the need to strengthen institutional accountability and the protection of affected people.

Moving the debate into the field of rights

In his address, Thierry Valle presented the situation in France and proposed moving the debate into the field of civic rights. He recalled that State neutrality must not become a general restriction on the religious freedom of citizens.

His intervention set out five priorities: improving hate crime measurement, protecting people, reviewing legislation that conflicts with international obligations, addressing incitement to discrimination and developing education.



Thierry Valle delivers his address during the side event organised by EMISCO.

PRESENCE IN WARSAW

CAP LC at the 2026 Conference

